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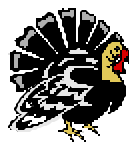
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady to instances firm. Demand was light to moderate. Trading was heavy for deferred shipments of open priced packer label hens and toms. Parts and meats trading was light instances moderate. Demand was mixed.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on moderate volumes of full-cut wings and frozen thigh meat, small volume of tom drums, balance slow. Interest noted from Asia, Eastern Europe, Mexico, Africa and Central America. Offerings in a full range short to adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 05, 2005**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	1800	OCT-NOV
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	3400	MAY-NOV
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-69	67.5	67.50	200	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	800	OCT-NOV
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	2800	MAY-NOV
WESTERN REGION 5/	65.5-68	65.5	65.50	200	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MAY 06, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	65.00	67.00 **	66.14
CENTRAL REGION	65.25	67.33	65.30 **
WESTERN REGION	67.50	67.00	65.50 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	66.20 **	65.20 **	67.07
CENTRAL REGION	65.80 **	67.00	66.30 **
WESTERN REGION	65.45	66.00	66.50 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-74

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 09-MAY-2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	80.77	318,000
16-24 lbs.	77.33	30,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	90,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume:	443,000
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TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 30-Apr-2005 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE
	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>
North East	715	11	24.87	(A)	717
South Atlantic	633	-12	33.91	(A)	635
North Central	2,102	5	32.73	(A)	2,104
South Central	634	1	21.92	(A)	636
West	326	2	25.03	(A)	327
U.S. total	4,410(B)	3	29.51	9	4,419
To-date					
2005	69,881(B)			59	69,940
To-date					
2004	71,578(B)			124	71,702

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 44,000; for the current year to date 414,000; for last year to date 754,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

March	443,608*
April 1 - 30, 2005	319,270*

To date 2005	1,553,918*
To date 2004	1,520,938*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 30-Apr-2005

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	1,677	2,689	44	9	4,419
Avg Wt	16.54	37.71	22.07	31.46	29.51
Last week	1,646	2,639	15	1	4,301
Same wk yr ago	1,753	2,524	27	1	4,305
Avg Wt	15.97	37.93	26.01	27.03	28.91
To-date/2005	26,484	42,983	414	59	69,940
To-date/2004	28,806	42,018	754	124	71,702

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 05 MAY 2005.

The market tone on tom necks and drums was steady to firm, tom full-cut wings at least steady, and tom 2-joint wings steady to instances weak. Demand moderate to good on tom drums and necks, moderate on tom full-cut wings and very light to light on tom 2-joint wings. Offerings of tom drums and necks light at best and generally held with confidence, tom full-cut wings light to adequate and tom 2-joint wings adequate to instances burdensome. The market tone on hen bulk parts was steady to instances firm with hen 2-joint wings in the strongest position. Demand light to moderate for the limited offerings. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to barely steady. Demand light. Offerings adequate to ample, spotty for Russia. The mechanically separated turkey market tone was firm with offerings short of buyers' needs. Demand good. Domestic trading was moderate on fresh tom breast meat and tom 2-joint wings, balance slow. Export trading was moderate on tom drums, balance slow. For domestic: livers 22 cents delivered May-June for pet foods, fresh breast trim 148 cents delivered. Frozen tom breast meat traded at 170 cents shipping point for export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	102.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	149.38	32
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00		43.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	42.00		42.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	38.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00		28.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	29.00	17
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	33.00-45.00		38.00	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	81.50	40
NECKS, TOM		W	28.86	86
NECKS, HEN		W	25.00	17
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	170.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	169.00-172.00		170.88	320
THIGH MEAT	85.00		85.00	80
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	92.00		92.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	138.00		138.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	101.00		101.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	153.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	170.00		170.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	35.00		35.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	36.00		36.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	42.00-46.00		43.58	264
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	29.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	42.00	104
TAILS		T	27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	34.00	320
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	84.00		84.00	52

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 6 MAY 2005.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenders was steady at best. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for the fair demand. Demand was good for fresh and frozen breast trim, supplies were well cleared and the market tone was steady. Frozen wing meat with skin and frozen scapula were fully adequate and ranged from barely steady to weak. Frozen thigh meat was barely steady, fresh thigh meat steady. Supplies were more than adequate for the moderate demand. Less than trucklot volumes of fresh scapula were 117 to 120 delivered. Export trading was moderate on tom wings and thigh meat. Inquiry was strong for limited supplies of mechanically separated turkey and tom drums, fair for thigh meat. Fresh thigh meat moved at 87-90 mature hen drums at 39.5 delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	102.00	80	102.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	149.38	32	147.80	50
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	42.00-43.00		42.36	112	42.30	528
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	43.00-47.00		43.80	50	42.69	130
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	38.00	8	38.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	28.00	40	27.38	418
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	29.00	17	29.00	17
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	38.00	160	39.29	211
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	81.50	40		
NECKS, TOM	26.00-28.00		26.14	43	26.70	318
NECKS, HEN		W	25.00	17	25.00	17
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	170.00	40	170.50	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	169.00-170.00		169.86	140	171.84	1,100
THIGH MEAT	85.00		85.00	160	85.00	240
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	92.00	40	93.15	65
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	138.00	40	139.75	160
SCAPULA MEAT	99.00-103.00		100.54	26	99.39	297
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	153.00	40	153.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	169.00-170.00		169.51	53	169.77	113
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	35.00	40	34.28	188
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	37.00		37.00	38	34.14	378
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.00		41.00	52	43.01	944
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	27.00-28.00		27.75	416	27.82	884
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	42.00	104		
TAILS		T	27.00	40	27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	34.00	320	34.00	320
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	83.00		83.00	416	85.16	1,142

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